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Division of Water Pollution Control  
Permit Section  
Springfield, Illinois 62706

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY  
STATE OF ILLINOIS

APPLICATION FOR PERMIT  
FOR  
TREATMENT WORKS OR WASTEWATER SOURCES  
(Deep Well Disposal)

(Read Instruction Booklet Before Completing)

PART II - APPLICATION FOR OPERATING PERMIT

EPA Region 5 Records Ctr.



298920

SECTION I - General Information

1. Name of Facility Cabot Corporation - Tuscola Plant

2. Owner's Name and Address Cabot Corporation  
Name

125 High Street, Boston, Mass. 02110  
Street City State Zip Code

3. Plant Mailing Address P.O. Box 188, Tuscola, Ill. 61953  
Street City State Zip Code

4. County Douglas

5. Engineer C. B. Beck 62-30430  
Name Illinois Registration Number

Firm Cabot Corporation

Address P.O. Box 1101, Pampa, Texas 79065  
Street City State Zip Code

Telephone (806) 669-2596  
Area Code Number

6. Construction permit issued for the construction, additions, modifications, and upgrading of this treatment works or wastewater source. 1966 - EA - 32

7. List previous operation permits issued for this facility after July 1, 1972.

None

8. Date that treatment works or wastewater source started operation, using all facilities currently at plant August, 1966

9. Name of certified operator in charge of this facility None

Operation of this well is supervised by one or more of the following degreed chemical engineers:

(1) R. B. Roaper, B.S. Chemical Engineering, Rice Institute, 1956,  
M. S. Chemical Engineering, University of Colorado, 1958

(2) R. T. Hamm, B.S. Chemical Engineering, Lehigh University, 1961

Consultation is held frequently with W. M. Sargent, B. S., Petroleum Engineering, Texas A&M, 1952, Chief Petroleum Engineer of Cabot Corporation's Oil and Gas Division, in charge of designing and drilling the well in 1966. Consultation is also held with Robert N. Johnson, B.S., Petroleum Engineering, Texas A&M, 1955, also of the Cabot Oil and Gas Division, Pampa, Texas. Both men are registered professional engineers in Texas.

## SECTION II - Effluent Data

## 1. Approved Loadings (Design)

- a. Gallons Per Day 216,000 GPD
- b. Pounds of BOD Per Day \_\_\_\_\_ Lbs BOD/Day
- c. Pounds Suspended Solids Per Day None specified Lbs SS/Day
- d. Population Equivalent (at .17 lb BOD/P.E.) \_\_\_\_\_ P.E.

## 2. Current Loadings

- \* a. Gallons Per Day 173,000 GPD  
(instantaneous rate)
- b. Influent BOD Concentration \_\_\_\_\_ mg/l
- c. Pounds of BOD Per Day \_\_\_\_\_ Lbs BOD/Day
- d. Influent Suspended Solids Concentration 3,200 mg/l
- \* e. Pounds Suspended Solids Per Day 4,600 Lbs. SS/Day  
(based on instantaneous rate)
- f. Population Equivalent (at .17 lb BOD/P.E.) \_\_\_\_\_ P.E.

## 3. History of Flows

	** Fiscal Year	Flow	
(a)	<u>1969</u>	<u>5.375</u>	MGD
	<u>1970</u>	<u>8.366</u>	MGD
	<u>1971</u>	<u>27.492</u>	MGD
	<u>1972</u>	<u>91.653</u>	MGD

(b) Graph of Flows (Last 12 Months) (Attached)

## 4. Excess flows

- a. Number of times which flow was bypassed to excess flow treatment or bypassed raw to the waters of the State for as long as data is available \_\_\_\_\_ Times
- b. Length of time that above data covers \_\_\_\_\_ Years \_\_\_\_\_ Months

\* These daily rates are based on the quoted instantaneous rates, which normally do not persist for 24 hours, except during periods of heavy rainfall.

\*\* Cabot's fiscal year begins on October 1 of the preceding calendar year.

## SECTION V - Signature by Engineer

I hereby certify to the best of my knowledge that the information contained in this application is true and correct.

Date May 3, 1973

Signature C. B. Beck (Seal)  
C. B. Beck

## Certificate by Applicant

I hereby certify to the best of my knowledge that the information submitted is true and correct and the facility for which this permit is applied is being operated in compliance with all Standard and Special Conditions listed on the Construction Permit issued for this facility. I further agree that this Application for Permit shall not constitute a Permit until signed by the Manager of the Permit Section, Division of Water Pollution Control.

Date May 7 / 73

Signature of Applicant William Tambo  
William Tambo  
Title Plant Manager

## Approval by Illinois Environmental Protection Agency

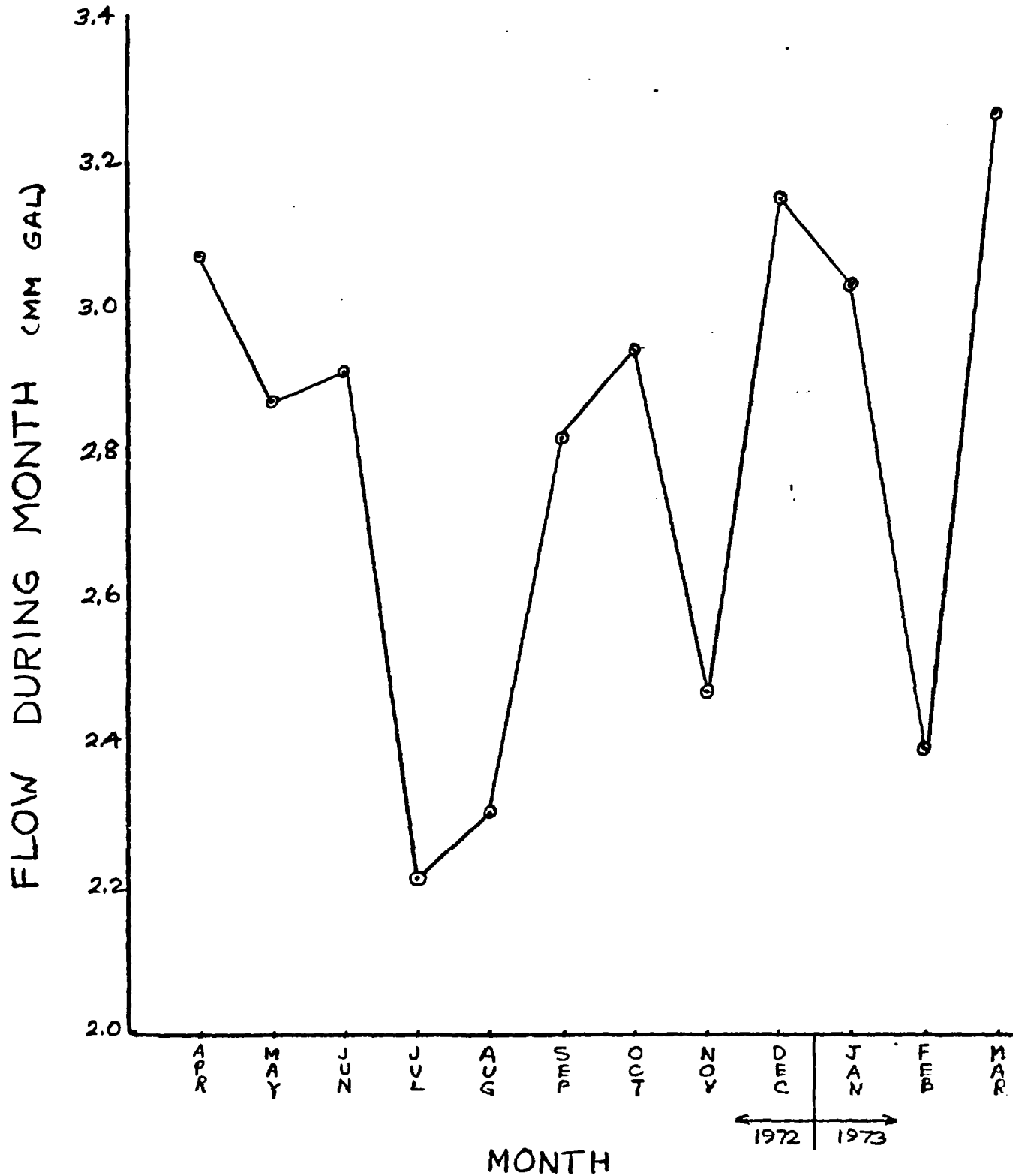
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\_\_\_\_\_  
Manager  
Permit Section  
Division of Water Pollution Control

# HISTORY OF FLOWS DEEP WELL DISPOSAL CABOT - TUSCOLA



ATTACHMENT TO APPLICATION FOR OPERATING PERMIT

WASTE DISPOSAL WELL

Information contained in this attachment is presented in response to the letter of April 5, 1973 from Mr. Ward L. Akers, in which he requested this information:

1. Previous permits are attached.
  - (a) Construction permit #1966-EA-32
  - (b) Operating permit #1971-EB-29
2. Total depth of well is 5318 feet.
3. Date injection began - August 13, 1966. This does not include injection tests performed prior to this date.
4.
  - (a) Lowest depth of cemented double casing - 816 ft.
  - (b) Lowest depth of cemented single casing - 4898 ft.
5. Injection formation name and depth (top) -  
  
Cambrian - 4804 ft.  
  
Franconia - 5264 ft.
6. Injection tubing - Fibercast CL2025
7. Annulus protection system - Oil is maintained in the annulus to provide a static pressure of 107-109 psi at the surface. This oil is a mixture of Provalent 4A and No. 2 Diesel oils in equal volumes resulting in a specific gravity of 0.915. This is sufficient to prevent the acidic wastes from rising in the annulus to such an elevation that would allow attack on the steel part of the casing. Maintaining this static pressure will assure that the acid level will not rise above the top of the epoxy fiberglass portion of the casing (bottom 300 feet).
8.
  - (a) Maximum injection rate - 150 gpm, as specified in existing permit #1971-EB-29.
  - (b) Maximum injection pressure - 50 psig.

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Operating conditions indicate flows of 110 - 115 gpm, with the injection pressure at minus 10 - 12 inches of mercury. Using the Hazen-Williams formula, a flow rate of 135 - 140 gpm can be expected with an injection pressure of 50 psig when injecting materials having a low (1.0) specific gravity. When disposing of 31.5% hydrochloric acid (sp. gr. 1.16) @ 1 psig injection pressure, a flow rate of 200 gpm is predicted.

Lower flow rates when disposing of acid, i.e. 150 gpm, cause water hammer in the well, which results from the volatility of the injected acid. We therefore request that a permit be issued for:

- (1) An injection rate which will allow positive pressure operation during disposal of high concentration acid, and
- (2) A maximum injection pressure of 50 psig when injecting materials having a low specific gravity.

9. Sources of wastes - Cabot Corporation, R. R. Donnelley Company, A. E. Staley Manufacturing Company.

10. Chemical constituents of wastes -

- (a) Cabot - Process water containing hydrochloric acid wastes and chloridic salts. Excess hydrochloric acid, 32% strength, when required by lack of sales. Silicon dioxide particulates, up to 1 wt. % of waste water stream.
- (b) Donnelley - Etching wastes consisting of nitric acid, zinc nitrate, trisodium phosphâte, and aromatic solvent.
- (c) Staley - Starch wastes consisting of chlorides, corn starch, and sulfates, as a 4% solution in water.

11. Total amount of fluid injected as of April 9, 1973: 70,700,000 gallons.

12. Well maintenance is normally performed every six months on the average. The tubing is hydrostatically tested at up to two times the maximum design pressure. This is 4 or more times the maximum

operating differential. Tubing and/or couplings failing this test are automatically replaced. Also, a cement bond log and casing thickness log are performed on the steel portion of the casing. A summary of maintenance through October, 1972, has been sent to you under our letter of December 11, 1972 (copy attached). A copy of our most recent maintenance record (April, 1973) has been added to this maintenance summary.